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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please substitute the following amended paragraph for the pending paragraph beginning on page 1, paragraph 4:

To increase the lifetimes of photoreceptor belts, described embodiments include a method for extending the lifetime of a belt, comprising detensioning the belt during the period of time when the printer is idle.